

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided a recording and/or reproducing apparatus including: a cartridge loading member into which is loaded a tape
5 cartridge having a magnetic tape provided with a leader block on one end; a take-up mechanism for winding the magnetic tape; a carrying mechanism for carrying a tape pulling member, which engages with the leader block and pulls the magnetic tape from the tape cartridge, between the tape cartridge and the take-up mechanism; and a magnetic head
10 mechanism for recording or reproducing signals. An area in which the cartridge loading member is formed, and an area in which the take-up mechanism, the carrying mechanism and the magnetic head mechanism are formed are divided by a partition, and the partition has an opening, and a shutter mechanism for shutting the opening. Thus, a recording
15 and/or reproducing apparatus capable of preventing dust and the like from entering into the drive area is provided.